

CHARITON COURIER.

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Democratic County Ticket.

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For Sheriff,
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For Treasurer,
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For Judge County Court--Eastern District,
HENRY HAYES.
For Judge County Court--Western District,
CHAS. E. ALLEN.
For Surveyor,
A. F. ARRINGTON.
For Public Administrator,
THOS. E. MACKAY.
For Coroner,
DR. G. M. DEWEY.

ANNOUNCEMENTS.

CONGRESSMAN.

We are authorized to announce JUDGE W. W. RUCKER, of Chariton County, as a candidate for Congress in this (the Second) Congressional District, subject to the congressional nominating convention of the Democratic party.

THREE young men were fishing in a boat last Saturday evening, three miles north of Blansett, Henry county, when a thunder-bolt struck and instantly killed two of them, while the other escaped unhurt.

LUKE ALEXANDER, alias Pruitt, the negro murderer who escaped from the jail at Linneus about the 9th inst., was captured at Leavenworth, Kansas, last Saturday while attempting to sell a set of stolen harness. He was taken back to Linneus.

SECRETARY ZEAHERLY, of the Democratic state central committee, has issued the official call for the Democratic state nominating convention to be held at Jefferson City August 5th. Under this call Chariton county is entitled to 7 delegates.

A COLONY of several thousand Armenians are taking the initial steps to settle in Alabama, where they have cheap lands offered them. Some of their countrymen, who have been settled in Boston for several years, are assisting the colonists in selecting homes in the South.

HEAVY rains and high winds visited all Southwest Missouri last Friday night and did immense damage. Springfield, Carthage, Golden City, Webb City, Sedalia, Joplin, Greenfield, Ozark and some other towns suffered more or less. Browning to the north of us and Paris to the east of us had fearful downpours and high winds. While we had fine rains in Chariton county, all perhaps that will be needed for a couple of weeks, we were fortunate in having no cyclone or very destructive winds.

A DISPATCH from Louisville says Secretary Carlisle has given up his proposed trip to Kentucky for the purpose of engaging in the gold-standard campaign. He has been to Kentucky too many times already since he has been secretary of the treasury for his own good as well as that of his party. He will be very busy for awhile preparing testimony to go before the Peffer senate committee appointed to investigate the issue of national gold bonds to the amount of \$162,000,000 in time of peace.

A TERRIBLY destructive cyclone visited portions of Texas on Friday of last week. The dead and seriously injured at Sherman were estimated at 200. In addition to the loss of life the estimated loss of property aggregates \$250,000 in Sherman alone. Great oak trees of a century's growth were torn up by the roots or broken off like pipe stems. The cyclone was much heavier and more destructive in Sherman than elsewhere. Gribble Springs and Keller also suffered severely. There were also heavy rains and strong winds throughout the Indian Territory.

THERE is an effort being made in this state to so change the organic law as to include in the list of taxable wealth all churches and church property of whatever kind, the esti-

mated value of which in the City of St. Louis alone is \$6,711,300, about half of which belongs to the Catholic church. If church property were taxed in St. Louis at the same rate of other property, \$2.05 on the \$100, there would be added to the city's exchequer annually \$137,581.65. This is a tempting morsel, but we prefer going along as formerly, and leave the Lord's property free so far as taxation is concerned.

A CYCLONE followed a heavy hail-storm in several portions of Kansas last Sunday evening. At Seneca, 70 houses were wrecked, five people were killed and many badly hurt. The \$4,000 school-house, the opera house and the court-house were completely demolished. The estimated loss of property is placed at \$200,000. Baileyville, a small town eight miles west of Seneca, was swept away. Oneida, eight miles east, is badly damaged and four people killed, besides much damage reported from country districts. At Reserve, 10 persons were badly hurt and dozens of buildings were blown over.

AMONG the "visiting statesmen" connected with the Cleveland administration, who have found reasons to visit the commonwealth of Illinois, is Mr. Eckles, the comptroller of the treasury, whose visit was chronicled the early part of the present week. According to his statement his presence in Illinois has no political significance, but he managed to put in a small portion of his time talking, what is usually considered, politics. For instance he is quoted as saying, that if the free coinage element controls the Chicago convention the Democracy will lose New York, New Jersey, Connecticut, Maryland, Kentucky and Indiana. The most amusing of his remarks is that Mr. Bland could not win in Missouri.

ADVICES from Washington state that there are heavy withdrawals of gold from the U. S. treasury being made again, and that the administration does not relish the prospect of having to issue more gold bonds. It is claimed that the last issue has been of no permanent benefit to the gold reserve. Of course not. It has been of great benefit, however, to the money sharks who purchased them. In the exchange of money it is seldom that both parties to the exchange are profited. The issuance of gold-bearing interest bonds by the government in a time of profound peace was never intended to benefit any but the plutocrats of this country. The law authorizing it to be done was for their benefit, and they have understood that all the while; hence no bonds will ever be issued under that law without their reaping immense profits therefrom.

EX-GOVERNOR MATTHEWS, of Indiana, is a Democratic candidate for the presidential nomination. In a recent letter to a friend he says the following, among other good things upon the financial question in the national platform: "I believe that a straddle upon this question would be nearly, if not quite, as disastrous to the Democratic party as the adoption of a pure, straight-out gold resolution. I believe, further, that a positive, not too radical, declaration in favor of silver, for the maintenance of the double standard, both silver and gold, and for the speedy restoration of silver to the position held prior to 1873, would insure success to the Democratic party and bring to the country a complete and permanent prosperity. To do otherwise the issue will be exceedingly doubtful and prove calamitous to the interests of the great body of our people."

PLATT, the New York Republican boss, is still opposed to McKinley, says he is neither great, well educated nor politically astute, is too extreme on the tariff and too loose in financial faith. Says further: "My opposition to Governor McKinley proceeds almost entirely from my belief that he will get the Republican party into turmoil and trouble. He is not a well balanced man of affairs, as Governor Morton is. He is not a great man, as Mr. Reed is. He is not a trained and educated public man, as Senator Allison is. He is not an astute political leader, as Senator Quay is. He is simply a clever gentleman, much too amiable and much too impressionable to be safely intrusted with a great executive office, whose quest for honor

happens to have the accidental advantage of the association of his name with the last Republican protective tariff." Platt and his crowd die hard, but they will have to die all the same, if seeing their fondest hopes of governing the St. Louis convention will kill them.

THE last legislature submitted an amendment to the constitution of the state of Missouri authorizing the minimum of school age of children attending the public schools to be 5 years instead of 6 years, as now provided. The proposition to make this change will be voted on by the people of the state at the next November election. We notice at the meeting of several district doctors' associations, our M. D.'s have resolved against the change. We hope the advice of the doctors will be heeded and that the amendment will be voted down by an overwhelming majority. There is no good reason to send children to school at an earlier age than six years, unless it is to get them out of the way at home. If the parents are troubled and tormented with the care and home-training of their offspring, it might be well to raise a pony purse and hire a competent nurse for the entire neighborhood, whose duty it should be to afford the little folks amusement and recreation in the green pastures and beside the still waters, but confine them in school--never!

AFTER the hotly contested battle in Michigan among Democrats over the selection of delegates to the Chicago convention and the triumph of the gold-standard faction by such undemocratic methods, Senator Vest has seen fit to revise his statement made some time since regarding the platform adopted and candidates nominated by the Chicago convention, which was to the effect that he would "stand by the decision of a majority of his party." He wants it understood that if the Chicago convention is run by federal office-holders, as was the Michigan state convention, he will not look upon it as a Democratic convention and will not consider himself bound by its action. In other words, if the administration forces are turned loose to capture the Chicago convention, and having succeeded in this, then force Mr. Cleveland's financial views upon the Democratic party as in Michigan, Senator Vest will repudiate that convention, which is about equivalent to a bolt. The senator does not call this declaration a threat, but the expression of a desire to have a correct understanding of the case in point.

A CONVENTION of colored Republicans, from nine different southern states, was held in New York one day last week for the purpose, as stated in the convention, of devising some means to prevent the so-called "Lily Whites," of the South, from crowding out of the St. Louis convention the colored delegates in districts where the colored Republicans are in the majority. The convention passed a number of resolutions, among them one petitioning the negroes of the South to unite against the "Lily Whites." G. W. Edwards, of Virginia, who is a delegate to the St. Louis convention, was the chief speaker of the occasion. He said the Republican party should come back to first principles--human rights. The colored man was first to spill his blood in the late rebellion. The speaker continued: "The negro saved the union; he saved the Republican party, and the nation can only be saved by the nomination of such a man as Reed, Allison, Morton, Quay or Cullom. The country does not want any Hayes in the white house. It would have been better for Tilden to have been seated than for the rights of the negro to have been surrendered by Hayes."

JUDGE JAMES GIBSON, of Kansas City, who was making a very favorable impression upon Missouri for the office of governor, has withdrawn from the race. His reasons for doing so are entirely personal. He expresses himself as being grateful to the Democratic press as well as individual Democrats that have given his candidacy favorable consideration, and have made honorable mention of his name in connection with the exalted position of governor. He is a free silver Democrat and among other good things said in his letter of withdrawal we find the following: "My zeal for the Democratic party is and shall remain unabated. Whenever I can serve it I

will cheerfully do so in the future as I have always done in the past. Upon the triumph of its time-honored principles depends the welfare of the country. I predict for the Democratic party a victory in November, and with the triumph of the people's cause of free silver and with the election of a state and national ticket and a legislature that will return a Democrat to the United States senate from Missouri, I shall be content and rejoice as much as if I shared officially in the victory. Half a century ago that great Democratic statesman, the immortal Benton, uttered a sentiment no less appropriate now than then, and I commend its patriotism to the Democracy of Missouri: 'Union, harmony, self-denial, concession, everything for the cause, nothing for men.' Adopting that sentiment, and commending it in its fullest extent to my fellow Democrats of all shades of opinion in Missouri, I am sincerely yours."

Kentucky Politics.

The gold-standard Democratic leaders, of Kentucky, are said to be very much discouraged. The supreme effort of the administration will be made to secure "a sound money" delegation to Chicago, but the "sound money" idea and indorsement of the administration were forced upon Kentucky Democrats at the last state convention against their will.

A Republican governor and a failure to elect a Democrat to the United States senate to succeed Jo Blackburn have been the results so far, and other dire calamities will fall to the lot of Kentucky Democrats whenever they depart from the true Democratic faith on the money question.

Henry Watterson, the versatile editor of the Louisville Courier-Journal, the leading Democratic newspaper of Kentucky, has been a delegate to every national Democratic convention for years. We know of no single individual who figured more extensively in the making of national Democratic platforms than Watterson. He opposed Mr. Cleveland's nomination for the third term because of his unsoundness on the money question. To-day Watterson stands cheek by jowl with Cleveland on the gold-standard idea, and was much chagrined because Senator Vest and Governor Stone, both natives of Kentucky, have the temerity to talk of going over into their native heath before the state convention is held to talk the same kind of Democracy that Mr. Watterson taught the people there until since the same radical change came over him that came over Mr. Carlisle. Under the banner of Cleveland's new-fangled Democracy, which Watterson and Carlisle have espoused, there is no prospect for a Democratic victory in Kentucky in the near future.

How Watterson Sees Europe.

Henry Watterson, of the Louisville Courier-Journal, is making a tour of Europe this season and is writing back a series of interesting letters for publication in his paper. He has not been in Europe very long, but has been there a sufficient time to enable him to make a good many observations. Among other things he says:

"It is all very well to talk about the brotherhood of mankind as a dream of the future, but it has no present practical interest. We shall see it when the millennium arrives. Meanwhile it is every nation, for itself the devil to get the hindmost, as he generally does. There is such a thing as international friendship to be sure, but it is based upon considerations of self-interest, and does not last a moment longer than it is found to be profitable. *** One thing is quite certain and that is there is not a monarch in Europe who does not hate America. Sometimes the hate is veiled by wonder; sometimes it is restrained by prudence; but it is there all the same."

We have no doubt that Mr. Watterson gives the true state of the case and that makes it all the more wonderful that the United States should have acceded to the wish of Europeans in adopting the gold-standard of currency which inured to their benefit, and which has been so disastrous to the well-being of the American people.

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